

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A label for attaching over an edge of a stock member to insure reliably folding along a fold-line over said edge the label comprising:

a substantially planar foldable first layer having a first surface adapted to being printed on and a second surface on the back side of said first surface; and

a pair of second layers of predetermined widths, each including a material which is permanently attached to the second surface of the first layer, the second surface having an adhesive on an outer surface of the label material, the second layer pairs being spaced apart ~~part~~ to define a narrow gap therebetween, said gap defining a fold-line section in the first layer which bridges said gap, said gap being narrower than either of said second layer pairs to define a predictable fold line, ~~thereby providing a way to reliably and predictably fold along said line, wherein when a folding pressure is applied to the label, the label folds along the fold-line section such that the first section of the second layer is attachable to a first side of the stock member and the second section of the second layer is attachable to a second side of the stock member~~ said first and second layers being non-transparent and each limiting the light transmission therethrough, the gap comprising section of spanned by only one of said layers, so that the gap is visually discernable because the gap is necessarily more translucent than adjacent portions.

2. (Currently Amended) The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer pairs is formed by a pigment applied to one face of said first layer. ~~includes an adhesive on an outer surface of the second layer.~~

3. (Original) The label of claim 1, wherein the gap comprises a series of perforations.

4. (Currently Amended) The label of claim 1, wherein only the second layer spans the gap ~~comprises a section of complete separation between~~ thereby providing visually discernability said fold-line with the gap ~~be~~ being more light transmissive ~~translucent~~ than adjacent portions.

5. (Original) The label of claim 1, wherein the gap comprises a discontinuity in the second layer.

6. (Original) The label of claim 1, wherein the fold-line section is offset from a centerline of the first layer.

7. (Original) The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer has at least two gaps and wherein the label is foldable upon a three dimensional tab member.

8. (Currently Amended) The label of claim 1, wherein the combination of first and second layers have a second layer has a greater stiffness thickness than either layer individually and the label has an automatic tendency to fold along said gap. ~~wherein neither the first section nor the second section of the second layer bends substantially when the folding pressure is applied to the label.~~

9. (Original) The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer comprises a material which is darker than the material of the first layer.

10. (Previously Presented) The label of claim 9, wherein the gap is visually discernible through the first layer.

11. (Previously Presented) A label foldable along a fold-line comprising:  
a substantially planar first layer of predetermined light transmissibility; and  
a second layer of a second predetermined light transmissibility attached to the first layer and having at least two sections at least partially separated by a gap, the gap being visually discernible through the first layer as a result of differential transmissibilities of the

different portions of the label, the second layer having an adhesive on an outer surface for applying the label to a stock member having at least two surfaces; wherein the label fold line can be reliably discerned at said gap as a consequence of lesser light transmissibility on either side of the gap such that the at least two sections are mountable on different surfaces of the stock member when the label is applied over an edge of the stock member.

12. (Currently Amended) A label foldable along a fold-line comprising: a substantially planar first layer of predetermined light transmissibility; and a second layer of a second predetermined light transmissibility attached to the first layer and having at least two sections at least partially separated by a gap, the gap being visually discernible through the first layer as a result of differential transmissibilities of the different portions of the label, wherein the label fold line can be reliably discerned at said gap as a consequence of lesser light transmissibility on either side of the gap such that the at least two sections are mountable on different surfaces of the stock member when the label is applied over an edge of the stock member and ~~The label of claim 11,~~ wherein the second layer comprises a visually greater light transmissibility material than the first layer.

13. (Original) The label of claim 11, wherein the second layer comprises a darker material than the first layer.

14. (Original) The label of claim 13, wherein the second layer comprises a security label material.

15. (Original) The label of claim 11, wherein the gap indicates a label fold-line for matching with the edge of the stock member.

16. (Original) The label of claim 11, wherein the gap defines a fold-line section in the first layer.

17. (Original) The label of claim 16, wherein the first layer folds along the fold-line section when a folding force is applied to the label.

18. (Original) The label of claim 11, wherein the gap comprises a series of perforations.

19. (Original) The label of claim 11, wherein the gap comprises a section of complete separation between each of the two or more second layer sections.

20. (Original) The label of claim 11, wherein the gap is offset from a centerline of the first layer.

21. (Original) The label of claim 11, wherein the second layer has at least two gaps and wherein each gap is visible through the first layer.

22. (Currently Amended) A label comprising:  
a first non transparent layer of predefined light transmissibility, having a top surface adapted to being printed on and a bottom surface; and  
a second non transparent layer of a second predefined light transmissibility attached to the bottom surface of the first layer, the second layer comprising two or more sections, wherein between each of the two or more sections is a gap, each gap defining a visually discernible fold-line section in the first layer as a result of the differential light transmissibility at said gap, the second layer comprising a darker material than the first layer, wherein each gap is discernible through the first layer and indicates the fold-line section of the first layer, the first layer folds along the fold-line section when a folding force is applied to the label.

23. (Original) The label of claim 22, wherein the second layer comprises a security label material.

24. (Original) The label of claim 22, wherein the gap comprises a series of perforations.

25. (Original) The label of claim 22, the gap comprises a section of separation between each of the two or more second layer sections.

Claims 26-33 (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A label comprising:

a substantially planar first non transparent layer of first predetermined light transmissibility; and

a second non transparent layer of second predetermined light transmissibility , permanently attached to the first layer and having an adhesive on an outer surface of the second layer, the second layer including a first section and a second section at least partially separated by a gap which is visually discernible through the first layer, as a result of different light transmissibility at the gap, wherein the label folds along the visually discernible gap such that a user folding the label can predict where the label will fold by perceiving the visually discernible gap through the first layer.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of constructing a label which is easily alignable and predictably foldable along a fold-line, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a label having a first non transparent layer having a top surface adapted to being printable;

applying an adhesive configured to form an axial channel, such that it defines a visually discernible gap;

wherein the combination of first layer and adhesive has different light transmission properties than the first layer alone, thereby creating a visually discernible gap at the channel;

wherein the axial channel is of sufficient width to create a single fold line when a folding force is applied to the label.

36 (Previously Presented) A method of constructing a label which is easily alignable and predictably foldable along a fold-line, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a label having a first layer having a top surface adapted to being printable;

applying an adhesive configured to form an axial channel, such that it defines a visually discernible gap;

wherein the combination of first layer and adhesive has different light transmission properties than the first layer alone, thereby creating a visually discernible gap at the channel.

37. (Currently Amended) A label for attaching over an edge of a stock member to insure reliably folding along a fold-line over said edge the label, comprising:

a substantially planar non transparent foldable partially translucent first layer having a first surface adapted to being printed on and a second surface on the back side of said first surface; and

a pair of second non transparent layers of predetermined widths, each including material which is permanently attached to the second surface of the first layer, the second surface having an adhesive on an outer surface of the label material, the second layer pairs being spaced part to define a gap therebetween, said gap being at least partly translucent and areas having said second layer pairs being of lesser translucency, thereby defining a visually perceptible fold-line section in the first layer, wherein when a folding pressure is applied to the label, the label folds along the fold-line section such that the first section of the second layer is attachable to a first side of the stock member and the second section of the second layer is attachable to a second side of the stock member.

38. (New) A three dimensional label initially formed from a planar blank comprising:

a substantially planar first non-transparent layer of predetermined light transmissibility; and

a second non transparent layer of a second predetermined light transmissibility attached to the first layer and having at least a pair of portions each at least partially separated by a relatively narrow gap, the gaps being visually discernible through the first layer as a result of differential transmissibilities of the different portions of the label, wherein the gaps define label fold lines that can be reliably discerned as a consequence of lesser light transmissibility on either side of the gap such that the at least two sections are

mountable on different surfaces of the stock member when the label is applied over an edge of the stock member;

so that the label can be formed into a 3-dimensional generally triangular label with folds long said gaps.

39 (new) A method of making a blank with a plurality of planar labels formed on a planar sheet which can be formed into 3-dimensional, generally triangular labels, comprising the steps of:

providing a first substantially planar first non-transparent layer of predetermined light transmissibility;

applying a second non-transparent layer to one side of said first layer, said second layer having a second predetermined light transmissibility

providing at least two longitudinal spaced apart relatively narrow gaps in said second layer, the gaps being visually discernible through the first layer as a result of differential transmissibilities of the different portions of the label,

whereby a 3 dimensional label may be formed by folding the label along said gaps which define label fold lines.

40 (new) The method of claim 39 further including the step of printing indicia on the labels before removing them from the planar sheet and folding into 3-dimensional labels.